Maine Drilling & Blasting celebrates a half century

To help celebrate its 50th year in business, as well as the importance of local service to its own success over the past half-century, Maine Drilling & Blasting (MD&B) has established recurring scholarships at five local universities and technical colleges throughout its service area.

The schools where students will receive the scholarships are: University of Maine; Central Connecticut State University; Pennsylvania College of Technology; University of Massachusetts – Lowell; and Vermont Technical College.

The company has pledged a total of $25,000 in scholarships for the first year with $1,000 to be awarded per year for five years at each institution to provide financial assistance to students who are enrolled full-time and majoring in civil engineering technology or construction management. The scholarships have both academic and need-based criteria. First awards of the committed $25,000 total will generally be made in the fall of 2016.

“Our success depends on employing and training the best people in the drilling and blasting industry, in order to continue MD&B’s high performance culture,” echoes Ted Purington, Jr., executive vice president. “That means investing in the educations and futures of local, young men and women, all around us. While we have numerous in-house training programs to help our employees develop and hone their crafts, assisting students enrolled in construction management or civil engineering technology programs is a great leg up for them.”

Ted Purington, Sr. and his wife, Judy, founded the company in Gardiner, Maine, in 1966. Throughout the years that followed, the company expanded its footprint from Maine to New England, then on throughout the northeast, and now in the mid-Atlantic region.

MD&B, recognized as a leader in the industry and a long-term contributor to the local communities it serves, offers drilling and blasting services to the construction and quarry markets, along with a variety of specialty services throughout the northeastern United States. In addition to the corporate office in Gardiner, Maine, MD&B has offices in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. =

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